

Washington State Elections Weekly

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We're updating the HAVA Poster

We will be updating the [HAVA poster](#) and want your feedback. Please email [Cristina Labra](#) by March 30 with your comments.

Celebrating County Best Practices

King County is doing something that we think you should know about. All of you already contact a voter if their ballot is about to be rejected because of a signature problem. King County goes one step further by contacting voters whose signatures have changed, but not enough to reject their ballot. This proactive approach ensures their voters can be confident future ballots are counted. For more information, contact Jacob Lodge at jacob.lodge@kingcounty.gov or (206) 296-1608.

Motor Voter Changes in the state of Oregon

With the recent passage of [HB 2177](#) in the state of Oregon, many of you are asking if that would be possible here.

The Oregon law is not possible in Washington because we do not require proof of citizenship or proof of legal presence when you get your license. They do in Oregon. If we were to pass similar legislation in Washington, that system could easily enfranchise illegal immigrants.

There have been several attempts in the Washington Legislature in recent years to require proof of citizenship and legal presence in order to get a driver's license or identification card. These bills have never had much traction. We believe New Mexico is the only other state without such a requirement, but we're doing some research. Our office has supported legal presence bills in the past as a way to increase registration while having a safeguard against signing up people who shouldn't be on the voter rolls.

Online Help Manual – New Layout

We dusted off the [Online Help Manual](#) and gave it some new features! However, the new Help Manual is optimized for Internet Explorer 10 or newer. Please visit the new [Online Help Manual](#) and if you have any issues viewing the page, you or your IT staff may need to update Internet

Explorer (or whichever browser you use). If you and your IT staff are unable to update your browser for any reason, email stuart.holmes@sos.wa.gov so we can identify what browser version you are using.

Training

As you take training in 2015, keep in mind there are two types that apply for certification:

1. Election specific training provided by sponsors listed in [WAC 434-260-220](#): The Secretary of State, Washington State Association of County Auditors ([WSACA](#)), the [Elections Center](#), the US Election Assistance Commission ([EAC](#)), the Federal Voting Assistance Program ([FVAP](#)) or other training approved by the Election Administration and Certification Board (EACB).
2. Other training related to your professional development in elections.

More training information is found on the Secretary of State's [website](#).

Broaden your civics education horizons

Our partners with the Council on Public Legal Education shared their list of [Civics Education Programs](#) throughout the state. This is a fantastic resource filled with contacts to help you enhance your existing outreach programs. If you are aware of any programs that are not on the list, please share this information with [Voter Education & Outreach](#).

Voter Information Project – April Special Election

The Secretary of State's Office has been working with Pew since 2011 on providing election data for the Voter Information Project. This project collects election data and uses it in various tools to provide voting information to the public. One great example, is the Google VIP feed that allows voters to find ballot drop boxes, voting centers, and ballot information based on the address they enter.

The data we provide to this project is directly from WEI Admin so be sure to update WEI Admin before each election so that up-to-date information is available to the public. We will begin providing election data for the April Special Election soon so be sure to get your ballot measures added. We will send you a link to the tool once it is live for you to test and review the data.

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